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HARTFORD, the capital of the State of Connecticut, and one of the most beautiful of American cities, is located almost midway between the great metropolis of the Empire State and New England's largest city, fifty miles north from Long Island Sound, at the head of navigation on the Connecticut River. Hartford was first settled in 1636 by immigrants who traveled on foot through the Massachusetts wilderness to the banks of the Connecticut, driving their cattle before them and sometimes living entirely upon milk.

The towns settled by these hardy pioneers adopted the first written constitution in America and took the name of Connecticut Colony. It was here in Hartford that the tyrannical Andros demanded the charter in 1687, and the "Charter Oak" in which it was hidden by the indignant colonists was well cared for until its destruction in 1856. In 1665 the Connecticut Colony united with the New Haven Colony, which had been settled by English immigrants. The early division into two colonies was long marked by the fact that Connecticut had two capitals, but since 1873 Hartford has held that distinction alone.

The splendid city of to-day, covering an area of over seventeen square miles, with a population of nearly one hundred thousand people, has a world wide reputation as a center of great insurance interests, and for the high grade product of its manufacturing concerns. It is also noted as the headquarters for an extensive trade in Connecticut tobacco. Few cities have so well established a reputation for educational facilities, its charitable institutions are numerous and well supported; while its park system is acknowledged to be the equal of any in the United States. The city has also acquired fame as having been the home of many writers of international reputation, among whom were Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain), Harriet Beecher Stowe, Charles Dudley Warner, Lydia Huntley Sigourney, John Trumbell, Joel Barlow and Horace Bushnell. Although many of these writers have passed away, Hartford still retains its literary pre-eminence.

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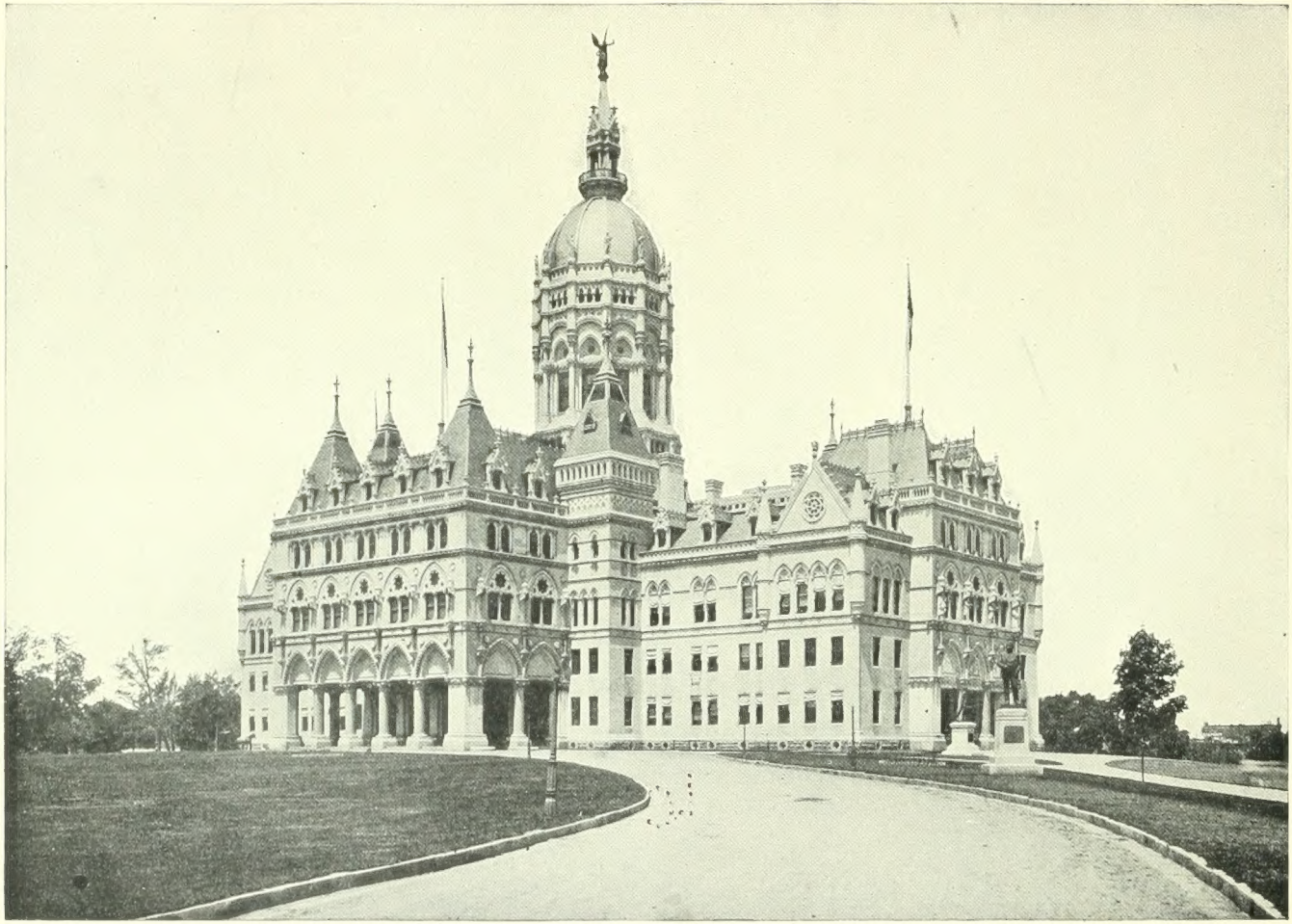


STATE CAPITOL

A building that is the pride of the State—completed in January, 1880, at a cost of $2,534,024.46—Total cost of land, building and furniture, $3,342,550.72. Located on a hill—surrounded by beautiful grounds of which Bushnell Park forms a part.

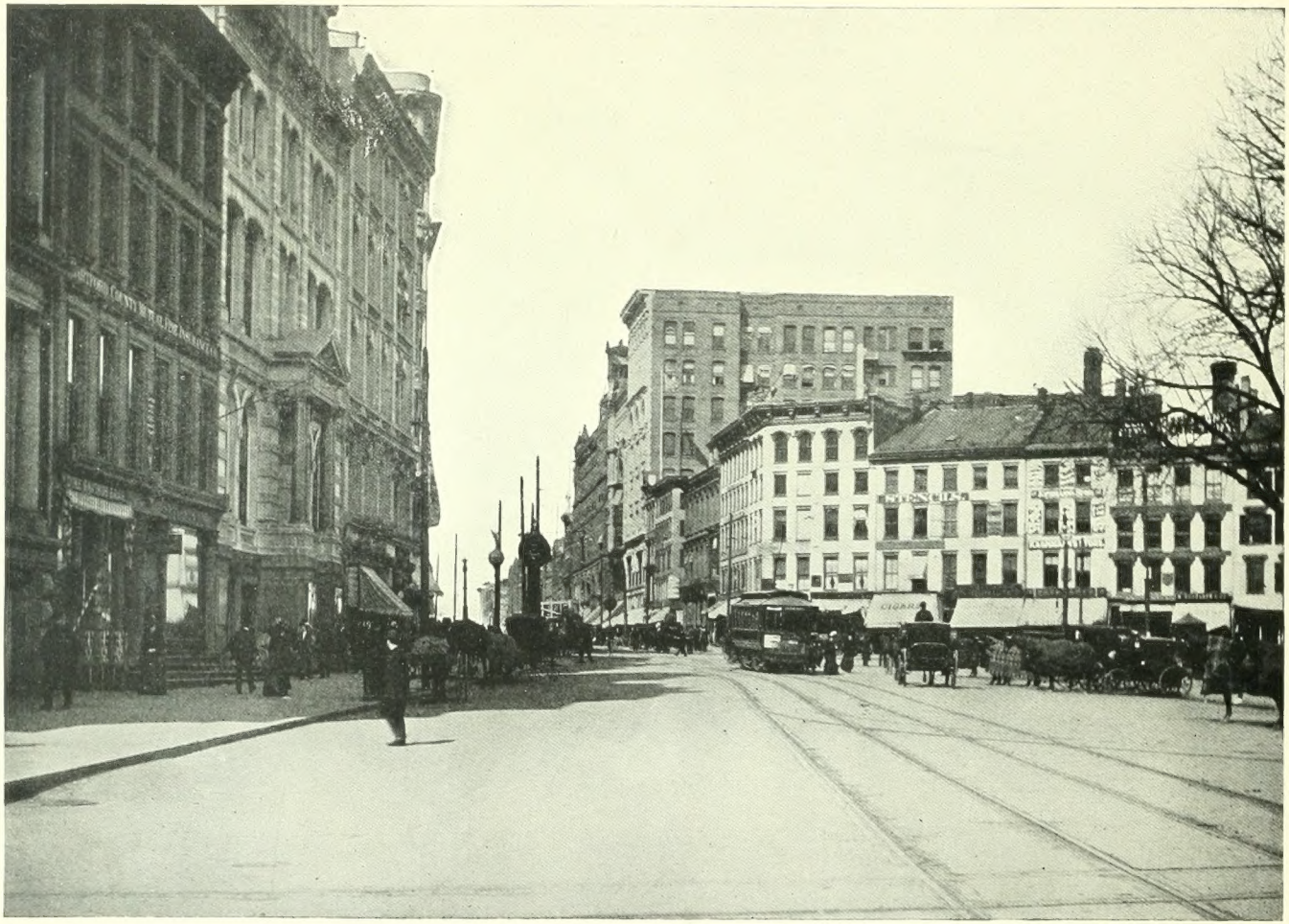
VIEW OF THE CAPITOL AND COENING FOUNTAIN

VIEW OF CAPITOL AND SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL ARCH

VIEW OF MAIN STREET

Showing two of its handsome business structures, the Ballerstein and Sage-Allen buildings.

C. FOX & CO.'S LARGE DEPARTMENT STORE ON MAIN STREET



MAIN STREET, NORTH FROM CITY HALL

Showing Goodwin's drug store on the right. A place that has been closed only two hours in twenty-five years.

A BIT OF BUSY MAIN STREET

Looking south from Morgan Street, showing Christ Church

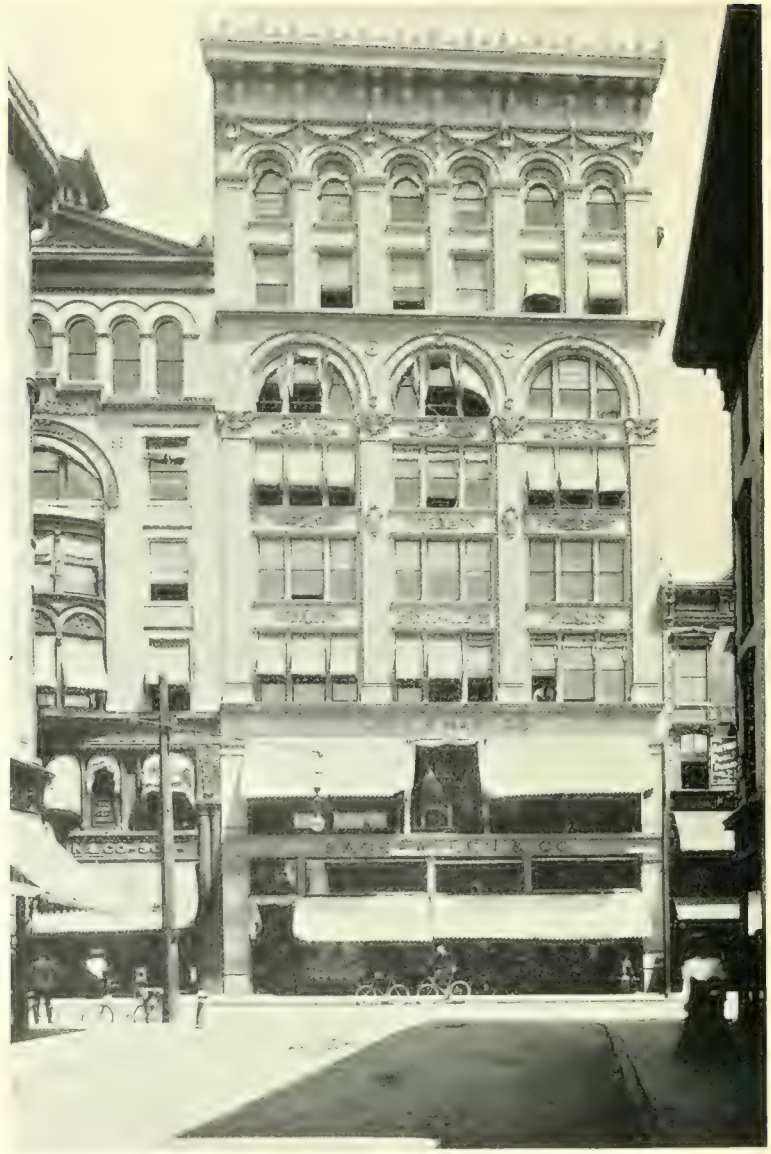
CITY HALL

Formerly the Old State House, and a building so rich in historic associations that a recent project to rebuild it aroused a clamor of remonstrance.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The successor of the Old Pearl Street Congregational Church, built in a more fashionable part of the city.

PHŒNIX MUTUAL LIFE BUILDING — PEARL STREET
A recent acquisition of the most modern type.



THE SAGE-ALLEN BUILDING — MAIN STREET
A typical business block.

WOODLAND STREET—LOOKING NORTH FROM ASYLUM AVENUE

One of Hartford's most charming residential streets.

NEW CONNECTICU

This great bridge, built with 9 spans and 8 piers, and with a maximum clear height of arch above low water of 45 feet, is the largest stone arch bridge in the world, having a total length of 1,192 feet. The width is 82 feet, divided into two 10-foot sidewalks and a 60-foot roadway. Total cost of construction about $1,600,000.

WADSWORTH ATHENEUM

Containing historical records and relics, valuable paintings, and works of art. The Hartford Public Library is annexed.

FORMER HOME OF SAMUEL L. CLEMENS (MARK TWAIN)
RESIDENCE OF FRANCIS CHAMBERLIN

RESIDENCE OF AUGUSTINE L. ELLIS
HOME OF THE LATE CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER

RESIDENCE OF IRA DIMOCK — VANDERBILT HILL — FARMINGTON AVENUE

Originally built by Cornelius Vanderbilt.

POND HOUSE — ELIZABETH PARK

This park was bequeathed to the city by Charles M. Pond, who named it for his wife, Elizabeth. $200,000 accompanied the gift.

A GEM FROM BEAUTIFUL ELIZABETH PARK

Rustic bridge and fountain.

VIEW OF RIVERSIDE PARK

Showing the railroad bridge spanning the Connecticut River to the north.

RIVERSIDE PARK ON THE BANK OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER

A recreation ground for the tenement dwellers of the east side.

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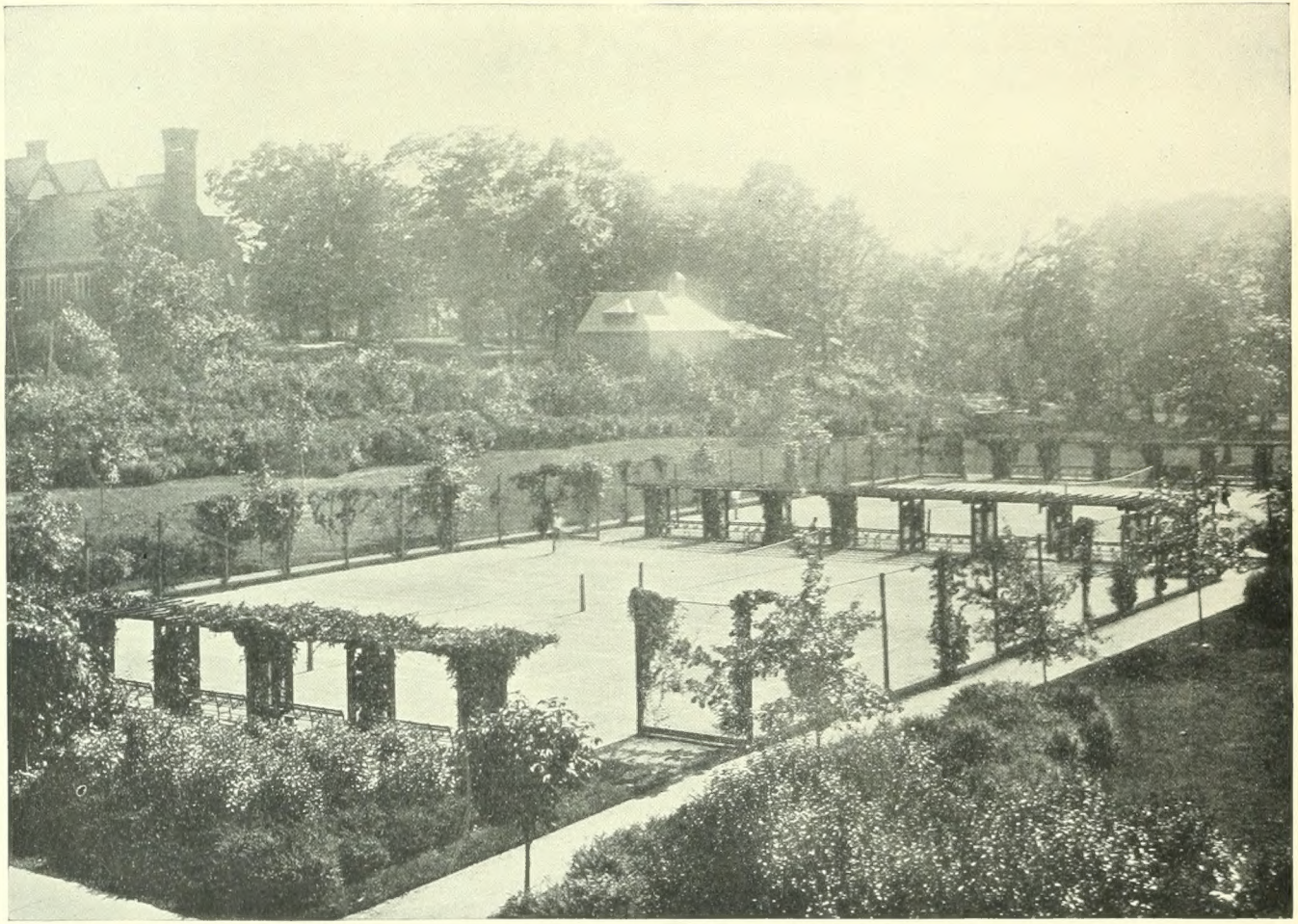

TENNIS COURT OF POPE PARK

This park was given to the city by Col. Albert A. Pope, of bicycle fame, and is devoted to the pleasure of Hartford's west side factory district.

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